August 29, 2005

Mr. Howard W. Harner, Jr. Reg. No. 27998-016 Federal Correctional Institution Box 1000 Morgantown, WV 26507-1000

## Dear Howard:

You had telephoned me and left messages in early July 2005 when I was attending my grandson's wedding in Canada. Shortly after I returned on July 18, 2005 I tried to return your calls many times and received a busy signal day and night. I was very concerned and wrote you. Then I received your August 24, 2005 letter.

If you or your attorneys wish to tell me anything about your predicament that is entirely up to you. My email is <u>ERICNUMIS@AOL.COM</u> and my telephone is 314-727-0850. My fax is 314-727-0820.

I will be glad to furnish facts to anyone you wish as to your willingness to furnish we with extensive historical numismatic research on Colonial Virginia on a voluntary basis over a period of many years.

My best to you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, president

numismatist
July 2005

Mr. Howard W. Harner, Jr. Reg. No. 27998-016 Federal Correctional Institution Box 1000 Morgantown, WV 26507-1000

September 12, 2005

## Dear Howard:

I was aware that you attempted to telephone me on September 9, 2005 but the connection seemed to fail.

I telephoned your attorney, Douglas Whom, today and mentioned that to him. I told him that you might authorize him to tell me whatever you wish to have me know. Perhaps you can write him or telephone him accordingly. In any event you can always write me directly.

I am sending him a copy of this letter.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, president

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February 16, 2006

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your February 6, 2006 letter telling me some of your personal history. It was important that you helped locate some f the misappropriated items.

My publisher has approved the preparation of the 5th edition of <u>The Early Paper</u> Money of America and it is scheduled for late 2006 distribution. It will naturally include material from your findings on 18<sup>th</sup> century Virginia paper money and your name as a contributor.

I suggest that you may volunteer to give one or more programs on the history of the Civil War while you are at that institution. It would be educational and interesting to your companions and also a worthwhile project to prepare. It might help in other ways.

I have misplaced copies of two microfilm prints you sent us on the Virginia copper halfpence entries from the Virginia Treasurer's records. The gave the total amount of coinage received and the other involved the transfer of 12 kegs of them. Would you permit me to write to Canley Edwards for another copy or do you want to write him or her for me.

I will send a copy of this or any prior letter for you with your permission to anyone you suggest.

Sincerely,

March 20, 2006 Mr. Howard R. Harner, Jr. Reg. No. 279980016 P.O. Box 1000 Morgantown, WV 26507-1000 out Dear Howard: As a result of your wonderful memory of historical records as to Virginia halfpence I have written to Conley Edwards requesting the information I have mislaid and the (new to me) information outlined in your letter to me of February 22, 2006. I have no recollection of receiving from you previously the data on the 1777 transfer of the 4 kegs of coins out of the 12 kegs already delivered from the magazine to the Treasurer of Virginia. I am also unaware of any further disbursement of coin by the Treasurer of Virginia for ordinary business purposes. I hope the archivist can locate all of them or have someone else find them. I told him I would pay expenses for the service. I hope he will cooperate as these are very important matters historically. Does he know about your predicament? As to writing up these matters (assuming they can be found again or remembered by you) I have not disclosed your name to others or when or where the records were found, other than saying the amount first received in Virginia were clarified and some coins were apparently melted. I said the discoverer (I meant you) should be given proper credit and that I would join others as co-author. I have not heard further on that and think my contacts some people have too much pride and do not want co-authors. I am not going to share the data with others without having a participation in what is written as a co-author. Therefore I am considering a change of my position on the matter. I feel that I may wish to co-author an article with you and then both of us can present the significance of your data. I hope you like the idea. As to the Virginia paper money findings you sent me in prior years I expect to use them in the spring or summer to revise the text of The Early Paper Money Of America in its fifth edition. I have all of that and it is very complex. I may need your interpretation of what I have. You of course will be credited as a contributor along with many others I am overloaded with my museum construction work and with my usual pending who have helped me. inquiries on other numismatic subjects. Being an antique, I am not as rapid as I was in finding answers. If you have any more details from memory as to the Virginia coinage data or dates than were included in your last letter to me let me know. If you have any further thoughts or suggestions they would be welcome. I hope you are getting along reasonably well.

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2nd draft corrected May 16, 2005 Mr. Randall Therin Krause Publications 700 E. State St. Iola, WI 54990-0001 Dear Randy: I was pleased at a meeting of the Central States Numismatic Society on May 6, 2005 to have a numismatic professional who knows the American Colonial paper money field offer to volunteer to price or participate in pricing the Fifth Edition of Early Paper Money of America. He probably thinks it is a privilege. I have known him for a long time and he has been in business since 1979. His name is: Stuart Levine P.O. Box 806 Marblehead, MA 01945 Email: stuartlevine@comcast.net PNG No. 412 Tel: 781-477-0552 Cell: 617-510-71.22 I hope this is helpful to consider. Sincerely, Eric P. Newman